

RAPIDO RIVER, JAN 1944

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

The 36th Infantry Division attempted a crossing of the Rapido River at Sant'Angelo, 20-22 Jan 1944, but was repulsed with heavy losses. The decision to make the deadly assault became controversial and the subject of postwar Congressional hearings.

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